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- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN REPORTED ON JULY 24: "IT WAS OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED ON SATURDAY THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE AEGEAN AIR SPACE WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THIS MONTH OR THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. THESE TALKS, AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, WILL BE HELD IN CONSTANTINOPLE (ISTANBUL)." END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WE WERE TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THE MEETING ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AEGEAN AIR SPACE ISSUE, AGREED TO BY MFA SECRETARIES GENERAL THEODOROPOULOS AND ELEKDAG EARLIER THIS MONTH, WILL TAKE PLACE IN ISTANBUL DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. AMBASSADOR DENNIS CARAYANNIS, WHO HAS BEEN LEADING THE GREEK DELEGATION TO THESE TALKS, WILL DEPART ATHENS JULY 31 ACCOMPANIED BY MFA DIRECTOR FOR CYPRUS AND TURKEY MACRIS AND OTHER EXPERTS, INCLUDING MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE

GREEKS HERE THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION WILL BE LARGER THAN USUAL BECAUSE BOTH THE OUTGOING AND NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE GOT DELEGATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MILLS

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